

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE
DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER COMMITTEE**

December 21, 2009

A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Authority", the "CCA" or the "Board") was held on December 21, 2009, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Committee Chairman Bernie Buonanno, Commissioners, Paul MacDonald, Dave Duffy, Dale Venturini, Letitia Carter and Jeff Hirsh.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton, and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, Robert Cappalli, DDC; Bruce Leach, Legal Council and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 1:55 pm.

Mr. Buonanno asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Duffy it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the November meeting.

Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. Lepore to address the committee. Mr. Lepore was pleased to report that Net Income for the month of November was better than budget and Year to Date Net Income was better than budget and better than the prior year. Mr. Lepore said that attendance at the Providence College Basketball games should improve when they get to the Big East games. Mr. Lepore said that attendance is also lagging for the Providence Bruins. He said that hopefully it will improve following the Holidays. Mr. Lepore reported that Mr. Abate and Jon Petrunak will be in town next month to address the Board. Mr. Lepore reported that the Boston Pops is not a sell out and noted that patrons are the same demographic as Wicked which is playing at PPAC. Mr. Lepore stated that he expects Carrie Underwood to sell out a full house show. He noted that the Shinedown with Puddle of Mud concert is doing better than expected.

Mr. Lepore said that Walking with Dinosaurs will be here in the Summer and will be a great event.

Mr. Lepore reported that cracks have developed in the concrete stairs at the front of the building. He said that Gilbane estimates that it will cost \$6,400 for temporary repairs. Mr. Duffy asked why we are paying. Mr. Lepore said that he did not know and that \$6,400 seems excessive. Mr. Duffy asked about a warranty on the work. Mr. Leach reported that the warranty period had expired. Mr. McCarvill said that we do not have a solution right now. Mr. Leach stated that we signed off with the concrete contractor. Mr. MacDonald asked when the

warranty period was over. Mr. McCarvill answered that it allegedly ended in September. Mr. Duffy asked if the repairs could be made prior to the NCAA tournament. Mr. McCarvill noted that this is not the time of the year to make the repairs but we do not want water to get into the cracks and make matters worse. Mr. Lepore noted that the cracks can be patched with in house labor. Mr. MacDonald suggested that core samples of the concrete be taken before we make a decision on what should be done. Mr. Duffy said that he understood there was a problem with the scoreboard and microphone during a PC game. Mr. Lepore said that the scoreboard was overheating and the battery needed to be changed in the microphone. He said that both issues have been taken care of.

Mr. MacDonald asked about the health of Dave Gavitt. Mr. Duffy said that they had met for lunch last week. Mr. Buonanno said that he had attended the first half of the Brown game. Mr. MacDonald and the Committee asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Mr. Gavitt.

Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any other business. Hearing none he sought a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:18 p.m.